

30. (Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising [the] a final step of firing the bonding agent until the bonding agent has sintered thereby forming a bond between the terminal plate and the heating element.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the [baking] final step takes place between 700°C and 900°C.

IN THE TITLE

Due to the restriction and election made, please amend the title of the application to read as follows: "TERMINATION METHOD FOR THICK FILM RESISTANCE HEATER."

IN THE CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Please change the correspondence address to Customer No. 25716. Please make the same change in PAIR/PALM.

IN THE INVENTORSHIP

Please delete Thomas M. Laskowski and Scott S. Steiner as inventors. Following the restriction and election made, their inventions are no longer being claimed. The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is included herewith.

REMARKS

This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002. Claims 1-42 are pending which have been subjected to a restriction requirement, and of which claims 13-42 are rejected. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested following the present Amendment and entry of the following remarks:

1. Applicant confirms the election of claims 13-42 in response to Examiner's restriction requirement. The election is made without traverse.

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